

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions of the claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended.) An isolated antibody which specifically binds to a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:
 - a) an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2,
 - b) a naturally-occurring ~~amino acid sequence having at least 90% sequence identity to the~~ sequence human variant of SEQ ID NO:2, and
 - c) ~~a biologically-active fragment of at least 10 amino acid residues of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, and~~
 - d) an immunogenic fragment of at least 10 amino acid residues of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.
2. (Original.) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody of claim 1 in conjunction with a suitable pharmaceutical carrier.
3. (Previously Presented.) A method of preparing a polyclonal antibody with the specificity of the antibody of claim 1 comprising:
 - a) immunizing an animal with the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2 or an immunogenic fragment of at least 10 amino acid residues thereof under conditions to elicit an antibody response;
 - b) isolating animal antibodies; and
 - c) screening the isolated antibodies with the polypeptide thereby identifying a polyclonal antibody which binds specifically to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2.
4. (Original.) An antibody produced by a method of claim 3.

5. (Original.) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody of claim 4 in conjunction with a suitable pharmaceutical carrier.

6. (Previously Presented.) A method of making a monoclonal antibody with the specificity of the antibody of claim 1 comprising:

- a) immunizing an animal with the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2 or an immunogenic fragment of at least 10 amino acid residues thereof under conditions to elicit an antibody response;
- b) isolating antibody producing cells from the animal;
- c) fusing the antibody producing cells with immortalized cells in culture to form monoclonal antibody-producing hybridoma cells;
- d) culturing the hybridoma cells; and
- e) isolating from the culture a monoclonal antibody which binds specifically to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2.

7. (Original.) A monoclonal antibody produced by a method of claim 6.

8. (Original.) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody of claim 7 in conjunction with a suitable pharmaceutical carrier.

9. (Original.) The antibody of claim 1, wherein the antibody is:

- (a) a chimeric antibody;
- (b) a single chain antibody;
- (c) a Fab fragment; or
- (d) a F(ab')₂ fragment.

10. (Original.) The antibody of claim 1, wherein the antibody is produced by screening a Fab expression library.

11. (Original.) The antibody of claim 1, wherein the antibody is produced by screening a recombinant immunoglobulin library.

12. (Withdrawn.) A diagnostic test for a condition or disease associated with the expression of human stem cell antigen-2 (SCAH-2) in a biological sample, the method comprising:

- a) combining the biological sample with an antibody of claim 1, under conditions suitable for the antibody to bind the polypeptide and form an antibody:polypeptide complex, and
- b) detecting the complex, wherein the presence of the complex correlates with the presence of the polypeptide in the biological sample.

13. (Withdrawn.) A diagnostic test of claim 12, wherein said antibody is labeled with a detectable label.

14. (Original.) An antibody of claim 1, labeled with a detectable label.

15. (Original.) A method of diagnosing a condition or disease associated with the expression of human stem cell antigen-2 (SCAH-2) in a subject, comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of the composition of claim 14.

16. (Original.) A method of detecting a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 in a sample, the method comprising:

- a) incubating the antibody of claim 1 with a sample under conditions to allow specific binding of the antibody and the polypeptide, and
- b) detecting specific binding, wherein specific binding indicates the presence of a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 in the sample.

17. (Withdrawn.) A method of purifying a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 from a sample, the method comprising:

- a) incubating the antibody of claim 1 with a sample under conditions to allow specific binding of the antibody and the polypeptide, and
- b) separating the antibody from the sample and obtaining the purified polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

18. (Withdrawn.) A method of treating cancer, comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of an antibody of claim 1.

19. (Withdrawn.) A method of claim 18, wherein the cancer is prostate cancer.

20. (Withdrawn.) A method of claim 18, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.